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# Rosy

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*oggie, oggie*, entering  
language, and sometimes  
a dog will stop and come up  
the walk, perhaps  
accidentally. May he believe  
this is not an accident?  
At the screen  
welcoming each beast in  
love's name, Your emissary.

## Rosy / Louise Gluck

*for Sandra*

When you walked in with your suitcase, leaving  
the door open so the night showed  
in a black square behind you, with its little stars  
like nailheads, I wanted to tell you  
you were like the dog that came to you by default,  
on three legs: now that she is again no one's,  
she pursues her more durable relationships  
with traffic and cold nature, as though at pains  
to wound herself so that she will not heal.  
She is past being taken in by kindness,  
preferring wet streets: what death claims  
it does not abandon.  
You understand, the animal means nothing to me.

## Shrine / Leonard Nathan

I've waited for you  
in this room, day by day  
excluding what wasn't needed  
until there's only this green cushion